

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 153

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Barbara Fields Threat on being named the 2011 Woman of the Year by Mattie Bridgeforth Temple #1120.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Fields Threat is one such estimable citizen who was recently named Woman of the Year by Mattie Bridgeforth Temple #1120 in recognition of her many contributions to the business community and local families; and

WHEREAS, a native of Giles County, she attended Bridgeforth High School before finishing her education in Decatur, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, upon her return to Pulaski, Mrs. Threat began a very successful career at Murray Ohio in Lawrenceburg, from which she retired after thirty years of loyal service; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement, she devoted much of her life to foster care through Nashville AGAPE, and has remained an active and inspiring leader in the adoption community since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Threat exhibits a strong commitment to local families and the community, serving on the Board of Directors of the Pulaski Boys and Girls Club, as a member of the Tennessee Family Child Care Alliance and the National Association of Family Child Care, and as a former member of the Board of Directors of the Giles County Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, as the owner of two daycare centers and the B-3 Beauty Supply Store, she maintains an active and visible presence in the business community; and

WHEREAS, she has further contributed to her community as a former member of the Board of Directors of the Giles County Chamber of Commerce and received recognition as the 2004 Boss of the Year by the Pulaski Business and Professional Women's Organization; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Threat attributes her tireless efforts to her faith in God and has been a dedicated member of Taylor Street Church of Christ since 1974; and

WHEREAS, a faithful promoter of family values, Mrs. Threat is the daughter of the late Iner Bell and Joe Edd Fields, and the proud mother of three daughters, Carmela Duke Martin, Maria Duke Wooten, and Rocheryl Duke Michael; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Threat also opened her home and family to twenty-one foster children, four of whom she adopted: Quinelius and Denisa Threat, Da'Shawn Shyes, and DaVontae Claybrooks; and

WHEREAS, adored by her family and greatly respected by her community at large, Mrs. Threat epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Barbara Fields Threat for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate Barbara Fields Threat upon being named the 2011 Woman of the Year by Mattie Bridgeforth Temple #1120, honor and commend her for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.